TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2911 – HB 3025

April 5, 2010

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015581): Deletes all language of the original bill. Deletes annual safety examination requirement for all for-hire motor carrier vehicles that accommodate eight or more passengers. Requires an annual safety examination compliance review by the Department of Safety (DOS). Defines "compliance review" as reviewing proof of insurance, employee drug testing documents, employee physical examination documents, and vehicle maintenance records. Adds any motor vehicle transporting passengers who are TennCare enrollees eligible for transportation services under TennCare to the vehicles required to meet certain requirements as a for-hire motor vehicle.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Decrease State Revenue – \$546,100/Earmarked for Motor Vehicle Safety Enforcement

Decrease State Expenditures – \$546,100/Motor Vehicle Safety Enforcement

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to the Bureau of TennCare, the current standards for transportation providers already meet the requirements of this bill. There will be no fiscal impact on TennCare.
- According to the Department of Safety, a decrease to recurring state revenue of \$546,100 earmarked for motor vehicle safety enforcement will result from a reduction in revenue from inspections. This revenue funds eight Trooper positions.
- Approximately eight Trooper positions will be eliminated at an average recurring cost of \$68,262. The total decrease to recurring state expenditures will be approximately \$546,100.

• All other costs associated with promulgating rules and regulations for the provisions of this bill as amended can be handled within existing resources with no additional costs.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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